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The British Esperanto Association (Incorporated)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1941

To be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting at the Arden Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, 2nd May, 1942

In presenting this Report on the activities of the Association during the second complete year of war, the Council feel gratified that they can once again offer to the membership an encouraging account of the work. No doubt need now be entertained as to the ability of the Association to continue its present service to the Movement and to maintain itself in readiness for post-war developments, in which it will undoubtedly be called upon to play an important part.

In general the work in the past year proceeded on much the same lines as in 1940, but two new factors deserve special mention. One is the "Popular" Correspondence Course, which, as the result of specialized advertising, attracted students from a wide circle of the community; by the end of the year the enrolments exceeded 500. Many of these students had joined the Association, and some had become active workers in the Movement. The Council have every intention of fostering this side of the work and making the Course a permanent feature. So far from damaging the more expensive "Standard" Courses, the effect has been to the contrary, as many students of the "Popular" Course have enrolled for one or other of the former type. It is appropriate here to quote the following report received from The Rev. W. J. Downes, Hon. Organizing Secretary of the "Standard" Courses, on the work in this section during the year :—

"The year 1941 has been a very satisfactory one so far as our Standard Correspondence Courses are concerned. The number of enrolments is easily a record, beating by 21 the previous record of 1938. A noteworthy feature of the enrolments has been the very promising quality of the applicants. Our tutors have been cheered by some excellent work. Our ranks have certainly been strengthened during the year, and we have reason to be much encouraged.

"In September a completely new Advanced Course was introduced, and in the three months that have elapsed 24 students have enrolled for it. From tutors' reports one gathers that the new Course is finding much favour and that it is successfully fulfilling its purpose.

"I would again pay tribute to the devoted and painstaking work of our tutors. Without remuneration they have put their knowledge and ability, and much of their valuable time, at the disposal of our Association for this tutorial service. They deserve the warmest thanks of our Association. I am happy to be associated with such a willing, cheerful band of collaborators.

"The record number of enrolments has put an extra strain on our tutorial staff, but they have responded nobly and met every call. Some of our tutors have had to suspend their help owing to their undertaking war service of one kind or another, but other expert Esperantists have joined our staff, so that we are ready to deal with any further applications for Courses that may come."

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries				527	4	0
,, Rent at Kingston (Lib'y)	12	0	0			
Rent at Heronsgate ..	48	0	0			
				60	0	0
,, 140 Holland Park Ave., W.11 (Domo)—						
Rates and Taxes ..	120	2	4			
Interest on Bank Loan	23	10	5			
Insurance and other Sundries	26	14	5			
	170	7	2			
Less Rents received ..	52	10	6			
				117	16	8
,, Postage and Carriage..				73	4	11
,, Printing and Stationery				73	15	10
,, Publicity				49	3	2
,, Office Expenses ..				53	5	10
,, Sundry Expenses ..				18	2	1
,, Auditor's Fee				5	5	0
,, Conference Expenses..				3	10	2
,, *The British Esperantist,* net cost				133	1	6
,, Motor Car and Propaganda Expenses ..	31	17	9			
Less Donations to Motor Car & Propaganda Fd.	25	8	5			
				6	9	4
,, Depreciation				10	0	0
,, War Damage Insurance				39	8	0
				£1,170	6	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Gross Profit on Trading				230	1	0
,, Membership Subs. ..	814	6	6			
Less paid to Internat'l. Esperanto League ..	336	10	6			
				477	16	0
,, Affiliation Fees ..				22	5	0
,, Donations to Genl. Fds.				91	14	5
,, Examinations (net) ..				5	2	8
,, "Standard" Correspondence Courses (net) ..				48	16	3
,, Interest (net)				73	17	7
,, Sustentation Fund (transferred) ..				50	0	0
				999	12	11
,, Balance, being excess of Expenditure over Income for the year				170	13	7
				£1,170	6	6

	£	s.	d.
Gross Deficit	170	13	7
Less Guarantee Payments received in 1941 ..	122	5	0
Net Deficit carried to Balance Sheet ..	£48	8	7

From the Revenue Account it will be seen that a considerable (and a record) figure by way of income from the "Standard" Courses was a feature of the year's finance. No income appears in respect of the "Popular" Course, as the Council have decided for the present to use any profits under this head for the further advertising of the Course itself; but there was benefit to the revenue arising from the sale of books to many of the students, and from the membership enrolments already mentioned.

Mr. Downes has appropriately voiced the gratitude of the Association to his panel of tutors. The Council would include Mr. Downes himself in this expression of thanks; his task, by no means a light one, has continued to be carried out with unremitting devotion, and forms a most valuable element in the Association's activities. During the year, in addition to his normal work, Mr. Downes compiled the excellent new "Advanced" Course, referred to above, to replace the former course which is now out of print. A similar debt of gratitude is due to all other tutors engaged in the work of correspondence courses; and also to the Examiners, for their unobtrusive but most essential contribution to the utility and efficiency of the Association. The Council feel that a larger number of enrolments for one or another of the examinations might reasonably be expected in the near future, and they commend this point to members who have not yet entered for such tests.

The second special feature of the year's activities was the launching of a Petition to H.M. Government, urging the consideration by them and by other Governments of Esperanto as an important factor in international reconstruction, and the promotion of the language in the schools. A very great amount of interest was aroused by the campaign for the collection of signatures, which commenced in the autumn of the year and at the end of December had already resulted in the receipt of nearly 6,000 signatures. A further three months still remained before the closing date. It was noteworthy that the signatures were mainly those of non-members and even non-Esperantists. They came from all sections of the community, and it was evident that interest in the language and its possibilities had been aroused in many new quarters, some of them of no small potential importance.

On turning again to the Accounts, it will be seen that—despite lower receipts under

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1941

Liabilities

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—						
Deposit Accounts				187	8	0
Trade & Other Accounts				293	5	5
Loans				290	0	0
Loans on Premises—						
Private				100	0	0
Barclays Bank Ltd.				500	0	0
Subscriptions in Advance—						
Membership	156	8	6			
Less paid to Internat'l. Esperanto League	69	8	3			
	87	0	3			
The British Esperantist		12	6			
Affiliation Fees	1	0	0			
				88	12	9
Reserve for Bad & Doubtful Debts				19	16	9
Competitions Fund				24	14	10
Premises Fund				25	0	0
Motor Car Replacement Fd.				147	10	0
Jubilee (Domo) Fund				65	4	5
Special Reserve				250	0	0
Sustentation Fund				53	9	3
Capital Account—						
Balance on 1st Jan. 1941	2283	2	0			
Life Subs. received	10	0	0			
Funds Transferred	100	0	0			
	2393	2	0			
Less Net Deficit on Revenue Account	48	8	7			
				2344	13	5
				£4,389	14	10

Assets

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash—						
At Barclays Bank Ltd., Rickmansworth	91	7	6			
In Hand	9	9	8			
				100	17	2
Deposit at Co-operative Permanent Bldg. Society				300	0	0
Sustentation Fund Account at Barclays Bank Ltd.				53	9	3
Sundry Debtors				285	9	6
Library				165	13	3
Stock on hand as certified by the Acting Sec.—						
Publications	486	18	8			
Examinations	9	0	9			
"Standard" Correspondence Courses	11	1	3			
"Esperanto by Post"	16	7	0			
				523	7	8
Premises at 140 Holland Park Avenue				2776	4	4
Office Furniture & Equipment				184	13	8
				£4,389	14	10

I have audited this Balance Sheet and I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion this Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Association.

3rd January, 1942. (*Signed*) H. MILSOM, F.C.I.S., A.T.I.I.

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the Guarantee—the net deficit for the year was about £48, *i.e.*, considerably less than the low figure of £80 in 1940. This result, however, was due to the transfer by the Council of £50 (as in 1940) from the Sustentation Fund to Revenue. This £50 may be regarded partly as a set-off against the payment of £39 which, it will be noted, was made during the year on account of War Damage Insurance on the Association's property, viz. the "Domo" in London and the Library, furniture, and equipment. This item will probably be less in 1942. The results of the year's working are, in all the circumstances, very encouraging, and it is particularly gratifying that the profit on Trading was £74 higher than in 1940. Donations were higher than in the latter year, and the "Standard" Correspondence Course income, already referred to, was more than double. Subscription income was practically the same as in 1940; the unfortunate lapsing of many members was barely compensated by numerous new enrolments and the fact that a larger number paid for the higher categories of membership in the International Esperanto League, of which latter subscriptions the Association retains a portion. The sum handed over to the League was £46 more than in 1940 (and £51 more than in 1939), so that indirectly the Association gave increased support to the Movement as a whole.

As in 1940, only a small net cost was incurred under the heading of "Motor Car and Propaganda Expenses", partly because no depreciation had to be charged on the Car, and partly owing to the special donations shown in the Revenue Account and the contributions towards his expenses received by the Education and Propaganda Secretary, Mr. M. C. Butler, from many of the schools and other organizations to which he lectured during the year. These latter contributions do not appear in the Accounts, which show only direct donations

to the Fund as such. The Car was sold during the year by decision of the Council (as reported on p.96 of the Journal), and it will be seen from the Balance Sheet that as a result the Motor Car Replacement Fund now stands at £147. 10s.—so that it should eventually be feasible to purchase a new Car when conditions permit the resumption of touring activities.

From the reports published from time to time in the Journal, and the table on p.114 of the present issue, it will be realised by members that Mr. Butler's work in the schools has been effectively continued, to a degree which in present circumstances is extremely gratifying. Mr. Butler is to be heartily congratulated on the success of his efforts to maintain this side of the work despite all obstacles.

The net cost of the Journal was practically the same as in 1940, and the Council consider that, in view of the increased cost of printing and paper, the figure must be regarded as satisfactorily low. The Editor, Mr. Butler, succeeded in presenting some particularly appreciated issues during the year, notwithstanding the limitations of space imposed upon him.

The expenditure on Salaries was somewhat above that incurred in 1940 owing to the absence of any Auxiliary Fund, and the figure will probably rise again in 1942 owing to a considerable increase in the work of the Office which was manifest towards the end of the year under review. This however, should be compensated by increased receipts, and is in any event an indication of enhanced activity generally. The cost of carrying on the work has remained at a relatively low level mainly owing to the continued concentration at Heronsgate of the administration of both B.E.A. and I.E.L., which it is not proposed to maintain when the war is ended and the latter body is again able to resume its full activity.

The Council was able to meet only twice during the past year, and full meetings of the Executive Committee were not found practicable. Contact with the members of the latter Committee was however maintained by the Acting Secretary (Mr. C. C. Goldsmith), the Honorary Secretary (Mr. B. Long), and the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. A. C. Oliver), who, with the Council's approval, carried on the administration of the Association as an Emergency Executive Committee.

The Council take this opportunity of expressing their very high appreciation of Mr. Goldsmith's work throughout the year, and his constant devotion to the interests of both B.E.A. and I.E.L.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Oxford on the 12th April. Some of the Federations were able to arrange successful Conferences during the year, and a number of Groups showed considerable activity, but war-time difficulties prevented normal work in many areas. There was, however, an increased demand for classes in the language, and this was reflected in the sales of textbooks and dictionaries.

From the Balance Sheet it will be observed that funds to a total of £100 were transferred to Capital Account. This figure represents the John Pollen, John Ellis, and Aneurin Williams Funds. The transfer was in accordance with a decision of the Council already reported in the Journal (p.96), and has the effect of simplifying the Accounts. It will be noted that the bank overdraft at the end of the year was only £500, as compared with £650 in December 1940; the existence of this facility, based on the "Domo" in London, represents one of the advantages of owning a valuable property, but it is the aim of the Officers and Council to use it with discretion and to keep the figure at a reasonably low level. Apart from the compulsory War Damage contribution already mentioned, the outgoings on the "Domo" itself were in excess of the 1940 figure, on account of increased Property Tax and an extra quarter's bank loan interest paid during the twelve months: but the Council are confident that their policy of maintaining the "Domo", ready for its proper use later on, will meet with the approval of the membership.

To sum up, the year under review has been, like 1940, a period of close co-operation with I.E.L., to the benefit both of this body and of the Association itself, which has thereby been enabled to maintain its work efficiently, to respond to the calls made upon it, and to initiate new activities of lasting value.

The Council believe that a period of very definite progress lies before the Esperanto Movement: and, as indicated in the opening paragraph of this Report, they are confident that the Association will not only assist materially in promoting this progress, but will be in a position to cope with the added demands that will be made on its enterprise and resources.

During 1941 the Association had to mourn the deaths of several members, of whom obituary notices appeared in the Journal. The Council desire to record here the great loss sustained by the Movement in the person of the late President Mr. G. D. Buchanan, who had been a member of the B.E.A. from its inception in 1904 and was one of the true pioneers of Esperanto in Great Britain. Throughout his long membership he was a loyal supporter of the Association, a generous donor to its funds, and a devoted and untiring worker in the cause for which it stands.

THE BRITISH ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION (Incorporated)

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Wartime Address : Esperanto House, Heronsgate, Rickmansworth, Herts.

ANNUAL CIRCULAR

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated) will be held on Saturday, 2nd May, 1942, at The Arden Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, at 3 p.m. prompt.

AGENDA

(*a*) Receive the Annual Report of the Council.
(*b*) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.
(*c*) Receive the Report of the Secretary as Returning Officer on the Election of Officers and Ordinary Councillors.
(*d*) Elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year.
(*e*) Consider as to place for holding the next Annual General Meeting.
(*f*) Consider and, if necessary, take action with reference to any other business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which the majority of those present and entitled to vote may determine to entertain, not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the new Council will be held immediately after the above meeting, at the same place, for the appointment of Sub-Committees and for other routine business.

CECIL C. GOLDSMITH
Acting Secretary

The following is a list of the present Council :—

President :
Vacant.

Vice-Presidents :
Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., PH.D.
E. Rosslyn Mitchell, M.A., LL.B., J.P.
Robert Robertson, F.B.E.A.

Hon. Secretary :
Bernard Long, B.A.

Hon. Treasurer :
Arthur C. Oliver, F.B.E.A.

Ordinary Councillors :

Due to retire in 1942 :
Miss J. Baird,
Miss M. L. Blake,
W. A. Gething, B.Sc.,
Miss E. C. Goldsmith,
H. W. Holmes.

Due to retire in 1943 :
E. D. Durrant,
Miss M. Jay, M.A.
Mrs. E. M. Kendrick,
W. K. Nash,
G. L. Preedy, F.C.I.S., F.I.A.A.,
Miss P. M. Strapps.

Due to retire in 1944 :
W. M. Appleby,
Miss E. Ashby,
Miss E. Chaundy,
Miss R. A. Davey,
Rev. W. J. Downes, M.A., B.D.,
Miss V. C. Nixon, B.A.

Delegate Councillors :

GROUP COUNCILLORS—

Birmingham & District	Miss E. M. Wheatley.
Bristol	W. F. Westmancote.
Cheltenham	L. G. Dore.
Edinburgh	R. Murray.
Glasgow	G. Stewart.
Huddersfield	W. H. Hirst.
Ilford	Miss M. C. Groen.
Leeds	Miss M. Langrick.
Letchworth	R. Scott.
London (Central)	Mrs. N. Holmes.
Balham	Miss A. Borel.
North	H. Harris.
Walthamstow	F. Ames.
Newcastle-on-Tyne	F. Sutcliffe.
Nottingham	Miss N. Wilford.
Southport	L. Shipp.
British League of Catholic Esperantists	H. P. Saunders.

FEDERATION COUNCILLORS—

Eastern	Miss M. Cripps. R. Murray.
East Midland	N. Wooding.
Lancs. and Cheshire	H. Benson. J. R. Grocott.
North Eastern	F. Sutcliffe.
Scottish	W. Harvey. G. Stewart.
Somerset and Glos.	W. T. Head. Miss H. Mayne.
South Midland	C. G. Chinn.
South Wales and Mon.	Miss M. Jones. L. Evans.

Members of the Committees, etc. :

Executive Committee : The President, The Hon. Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer, Miss R. A. Davey, E. D. Durrant, Miss V. C. Nixon, R. Robertson, Mrs. E. Warren.

Correspondence Course Tutors : A panel of experienced teachers. Secretary : The Rev. W. J. Downes.

Education Committee : Miss V. C. Nixon (Sec.), M. C. Butler, Mrs. G. Cowper, B. Long, Miss G. H. Moxon, Nowell Smith, H. G. Toms.

Examiners : W. Bailey, Miss L. Briggs, Dr. D. R. Duncan, J. Farrand, G. W. Roome, A. Venture.

L.B.E.A. Commission : F. E. Wadham (Sec.), M. M. Du Merton, M. C. Butler.

Joint Examination Committee : The Controlling Examiners and Secretary of Commission.

Hon. Solicitor : G. M. Hollis.
Hon. Secretary for Overseas : W. K. Nash.
Editor of the Journal : M. C. Butler.

Trustees of the Association: W. M. Appleby, J. R. Grocott, R. Robertson.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS for the Election of Officers and Councillors, 1942–43

President:
Miss Margaret Jay, M.A.

Vice-Presidents:
Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., PH.D.
Miss V. C. Nixon, B.A., F.B.E.A.
Robert Robertson, F.B.E.A.

Honorary Secretary:
Bernard Long, B.A.

Honorary Treasurer:
Miss R. A. Davey.

Councillors:
Miss J. Baird, F.B.E.A.
Miss M. L. Blake.
W. A. Gething, B.SC., F.B.E.A.
Miss E. C. Goldsmith, F.B.E.A.
H. W. Holmes, F.B.E.A.

As the number of nominations is the same as the number of places to be filled, no ballot is necessary.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LECTURES GIVEN, 1938–41

	1938	1939 (*a*)	1940 (*b*)	1941 (*b*)	Total	Average
VISITS PAID—						
Schools	154	113	30	65	362	90
Other Meetings ..	35	56	37	54	182	46
	189	169	67	119	544	136
ATTENDANCE—						
Children	20,626	14,111	3,600	9,829	48,166	12,042
Teachers	663	564	136	337	1,700	425
Training Coll. Students	40	1,000	515	383	1,938	484
	21,239	15,675	4,251	10,549	51,804	12,951
Other Meetings ..	816	1,174	760	1,236	3,986	996
Total	22,145	16,849	5,011	11,785	55,790	13,947
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE—						
At Schools (*c*) ..	139	137	142	162	—	145
At other Meetings ..	23	21	21	23	—	22
RECEIPTS AT LECTURES—						
"Esp. for Beginners" ..	8,000	7,748	1,961	6,345	24,054	6,013
(Value)	£66 0 0	£64 0 0	£16 6 10	£52 17 6(*d*)	£193 4 4	£48 6 1
Other Sales	£16 5 8	£20 1 6	£9 1 4	£22 10 6(*d*)	£67 19 0	£16 19 9
Donations at Meetings	£10 4 8	£13 15 6	£2 10 4	£29 5 11(*e*)	£55 16 5	£13 19 1
Total Receipts ..	£92 10 4	£99 16 0	£27 18 6	£104 13 11	£316 19 9	£79 4 11

POINTS TO NOTE IN ABOVE REPORT

(*a*) In 1939 the war almost put an end to work after July; otherwise this year would have made a handsome record.

(*b*) Comparative stagnation in 1940 owing to war conditions. This continued till May 1941, when an encouraging number of invitations began to arrive, mainly from Yorkshire (5 visits) and Wales.

(*c*) The larger audiences at schools than at ordinary propaganda meetings.

(*d*) Increase in sales in 1941: both in actual figures and also in proportion to attendance.

(*e*) Increase in donations in 1941. These are sums given by schools or other bodies addressed towards travel expenses. They do not appear in the B.E.A. accounts, but propaganda expenses incurred are reduced by this amount.

War conditions, and especially the absence of a car, make it difficult to arrange a tour, or isolated visits to a distance from Kingston. The best results are shown when local friends book a week or a fortnight provisionally and circularize local schools or other bodies likely to be interested. It is generally easy to fill several days with engagements in this way, **provided that (1) arrangements are commenced two or three months previously, (2) use is made of the literature I can supply for the purpose, and (3) some one friend acts as a local centre for the arrangement of the itinerary.**

If members and groups would co-operate on these lines, much could be done. So far, however, in spite of repeated requests for such help, there has been (with some brilliant exceptions) very little response.

M. C. BUTLER

The Propaganda Secretary will be in Bournemouth March 10–19, York 23–31; Northumberland May 5–15; and afterwards (probably May or June) in Warwick and Lancashire. These dates are only approximate. Those who want propaganda lectures in these districts please write to 36 Penrhyn Rd., Kingston, Surrey.

La Rad-Rondo (Esperanta Biciklistaro) festis sian centan kunvenon en Januaro, en Charnwood Forest. De la starigo en 1933, kunvenoj okazis ĉiumonate. La dek tri anoj partoprenantaj la centan kunvenon forte sentis la kamaradan spiriton, kiu animis la Rondon dum preskaŭ naŭ jaroj. Detalojn pri venontaj kunvenoj liveros P. Ecker, 18 Mount St., Breaston, Derbyshire.

THE ESPERANTO STUDENT

MI NE SCIAS

The above little sentence is one that I like to teach to my class quite early in the course, so that pupils can answer in Esperanto even questions beyond their knowledge. Many are reluctant to try to pronounce the combination **sc**, supposing it to be something extremely difficult. They do not realise that the same combination of sounds appears in English quite frequently.

Here is a method of convincing pupils that they can pronounce this and similar phrases easily and correctly. First ask each pupil in turn to read aloud several English sentences, giving each letter its full value, and enunciating clearly and precisely—nevertheless as naturally as possible. For example :

The best seats are the cheapest.
Can the guest see us here ?
Don't let the bird in the nest see us.
The next sentence was wrong.

When everyone in the class has pronounced these sentences correctly, and this is soon accomplished, show them the forms **scienco**, **eksciti**, **konscienco**, **mi ne scias**, and the like (They will have already learned the letter **c** in such words as **laca**, **certa**). Then, with these words on the blackboard, write "*Don't let the bird in the NEST SEE US*", etc., thus proving to the pupils that they have already pronounced these "difficult" combinations. If they can do so in English, they can do so just as easily in Esperanto !

The reason for this plan is that the supposed "difficulty" is often purely psychological. Because the pupil is speaking a new language he tends to find a difficulty where none exists, and to think it is something he cannot easily master.

FACILA LEGAĴO

Tempo pasas rapide.

Ŝajne nur kelkaj minutoj staras inter hieraŭ kaj hodiaŭ, nur kelkaj tagoj inter la lasta monato kaj la nuna. Sub la rigardo de la memoro la tuta vivo aspektas kiel serio da mallongaj tagoj kaj semajnoj.

Por tiu, kiu havas intereson en la vivo, kaj povas turni la mensan okulon en diversaj direktoj por serĉi novajn interesojn, tempo preskaŭ ne ekzistas. Por tiu, kiu faras multon en la tempo, kiu venas kaj iras preter lia vivo, tempo neniam sufiĉas. Por tiu, kiu jam multon faris, kaj kiu nun ripozas kun malnovaj rememoroj, la nuna tempo ne estas tre grava. Nenia tedo lin ĝenas, ĉar la memoro helpas al kontento. Enuo estas al li afero fremda, ĉar pensoj pri antaŭaj spertoj portas feliĉon.

Saĝa homo uzas ĉiun liberan minuton. Se li tion ne faras, tempo ŝajnas pendi ŝvebe ĉirkaŭ li por doni al li eblon ĝin uzi. Se okupo mankas dum mallonga periodo, la saĝulo uzas ĝin por rememori la feliĉajn agrablajn horojn, denove travivas la plezuron de konversacioj kun amikoj, ripetas en la animo la sonojn de ia bela muziko, parolas interne kun foraj samideanoj, reaŭdas la voĉojn de karaj familianoj, deklamas parkerajn poemojn.

La tempo, kiu foriras antaŭ ol ni povas ĝin uzi, neniam, neniam revenos. Se tago preterpasas nin, ĝi estas for por ĉiam. Kiu rabas de mi horon, rabas de mi oron. Kaj oron, kian li ne povos redoni al mi. Havante horon liberan por babilado, oni ne babilu kun persono, kiu *ne* havas liberan horon.

PECO POR PROGESINTOJ

Mi intencas prezenti en la sekvonta numero de "B.E." specialan "Pecon", pli longan kaj interesan ol antaŭe. Por la nuna numero mi elektis iom malfacilan paragrafon el "Gone with the Wind", kies ĉiu vorto estas bela kaj esprimoplena. Nur sperta progresinto povos sukcese traduki ĝian etoson kaj spiriton. Tamen provu, kaj la plej bona provo ricevita antaŭ la fino de Marto aperos en la posta numero.

A balmy, soft warmth poured into the room, heavy with velvety smells, redolent of many blossoms, of newly fledged trees and of the moist, freshly turned red earth. Through the window Scarlett could see the bright riot of the twin lines of daffodils bordering the gravelled drive-way and the golden masses of yellow jessamine spreading flowery sprangles modestly to the earth like crinolines. The mocking-birds and the jays, engaged in their old feud for possession of the magnolia tree beneath her window, were bickering, the jays strident, acrimonious, the mockers sweet-voiced and plaintive.

(*Gone with the Wind. Ch. V., p.* 57)

P. E. DA GOGO

NIA DOMETO

Ĉu vi povas imagi simplan lignan kabanon, kiu staras sur sunhela deklivo de la montetoj Mendip ? Malsupren etendiĝas fragokampo, kies belodoro tentas la palaton : supren oni povas grimpi inter flava uleksaro, ĝis finfine, atinginte la supron, oni povas migri perokule en ampleksa rondo. Sud-okcidente la lasta rando de la Mendipoj malaperas en la maron, kvazaŭ monstra baleno kuŝanta sur la marbordo apud Weston ; kaj longe for en la distanco, bluaj kaj misteraj, kiel someraj nubetoj supermare, ŝvebas la montetoj Quantock. Pli oriente etendiĝas la vasta ebenaĵo de Somerset, kaj preskaŭ nevideblas la turo sur la mistera "insulo" de Glastonbury.

Ĉi tiu kabano kaj ĝia diversaspekta ĉirkaŭaĵo estas la libertempejo de la Bristola Esperantistaro. Dum la tuta jaro ni povas bicikli ĉi tien, por labori sur la frukta bieno kaj vagadi sur la montoj. Plej ĝoja estas la sezono de rikolto, kiam oni povas ĝissate gustumi je dolĉaj verdpizoj, sukaj framboj, dikaj fragoj, kaj—eĉ pli lukse—etaj ĉerizprunoj, kiuj pendas preskaŭ en la buŝon, dum oni preterpasas la pezajn branĉojn. Tamen ne forgesu, ke kiu deziras manĝi, devas ankaŭ doni helpon al la farmisto : tio estas la fundamenta leĝo de nia tendaro.

Malfermu la pordon de la dometo kaj eniru ! Jen staras malgranda tablo, olea forno, benko, seĝo, telerŝranko, kaj (ĝuste kontraŭ la muro) kvar litoj, unu super alia kiel surŝipe. Tra la malfermita pordo venas la dolĉakra odoro de brulanta ligno, en kiu rostiĝas terpomoj. Se vi deziras resti dum la nokto, eltiru el sub la tablo la feran keston, plenan de lantukoj. Eble, la unuan fojon ĉi tie, vi ne povos longe dormi ; ĉar tre frue matene komenciĝas la birda ĥoro kaj la saltado de multaj ungetoj sur la tegmento. Sed ne domaĝu la dormon ! Baldaŭ, kiam vi malfermos la pordon, kaj vidos la freŝan belon de la naturo, vi mem partoprenos la ĝojegon de la birdoj.

STELLA TOOGOOD (*El Bulteno de T.J.O.*)



THE BRISTOL ESPERANTO EXHIBITION

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A corner of the Bristol Esperanto Exhibition. The portrait of Zamenhof is flanked by Cambridge and London Congress photos. At the back are showcards dealing with Esperanto Magazines, Esperanto and Radio, the Blind, and Post and Telegraph.

At the bookstall is Miss Stella Toogood, D.B.E.A., who gave demonstration lessons.

What has been described as "the most courageous enterprise in the history of the Bristol Esperanto Society" has just taken place—The Esperanto Exhibition of 1941. It was held at 88 Park St., just opposite the University. The fact that over eleven hundred people visited it during the fortnight proved the suitability of the site (previously a large shop).

At the appointed time the whole force of the Society descended on the place and began a great transformation.

A very efficient and particularly charming young lady from an advertising agency worked wonders with rolls of green and white crêpe. In a short time she had dressed the window, and decorated the platform at one end of the room ready to receive armchairs, table, and microphone, for lectures and demonstration lessons. Meanwhile the boys, using many unconventional means of transport, moved in trestles, tables, and material, and commenced erecting the exhibition.

A deep mural excellently painted by a late member of the group was run round the top of the walls. It showed modern transport scenes, including an up-to-date B.E.A. air-liner and a proud luxury cruiser "Esperanto Star".

The back of the shop was made into a "Zamenhof Corner", with portraits and souvenirs, and panorama photos of the Cambridge and London congresses.

Finally, a flagstaff was erected over the entrance, and a green star banner proudly announced to the world in general, and to Bristol in particular, that we were open.

In the centre was the petition desk, where every visitor was invited to sign the Petition. In addition, enrolments were accepted for Folk House classes, and 36 new students were thus enrolled.

Demonstration lessons were given wherever a small group presented itself. Members of the Society conducted visitors round the exhibits and explained points of interest. Connected with loud-speakers at the entrance was a microphone, and a number of talks were given by Mr. G. Tordoff.

The local Public Library was very generous. A display of Esperanto books and leaflets was shown in the Central Library, with a notice that 400 Esperanto books were available in the Reference Room, in addition to others at the branch libraries throughout the city. Advertisements appeared nightly in the three local papers, and considerable attention was secured in their columns.

Final figures are not yet to hand, but the expenses will not be heavy. The premises were secured by arrangement with the lessees and the owners of the property. The lounge chairs and coffee tables were hired at a reduced rate from a firm of furnishers, in return for the advertisement. The microphone and amplifier were borrowed from an E.N.S.A. concert party, in recognition of services rendered by Frank Buckley. Group members provided refreshments to the staff without cost.

(*We congratulate Mr. Buckley on the organizing ability and personal charm which enabled him to obtain so much for so little. We particularly wonder how he induced the charming young lady from the agency to come—as we hear—without fee.*—ED.)

The response from the public was very satisfactory. The doors continuously swung in a stream of visitors, most of whom stayed for a demonstration lesson, or at least bought something from the bookstall, even if only a penny "Key". Every visitor received a set of four propaganda leaflets.

A record was kept of attendance, and showed a total of 1,113 visitors. Notes were made of points or incidents of special interest; thus many useful data were secured. Book sales amounted to £10. 6s. From every point of view the Exhibition was an unqualified success.

On the closing Saturday a Celebration Party was held, attended by a relative of Dr. Zamenhof at

Bristol University. The Staff, who had loyally backed the effort, and devoted many arduous but happy hours to its success, compared notes on their many and varied experiences at Bristol's first great Esperanto Exhibition, and decided that it had been well worth while.

This venture by Bristol Esperantists may be commended to other groups for imitation. I hope to follow this report up in a later issue with practical hints that may be helpful to this end.

FRANK BUCKLEY (*Exhibition Manager*)

THE WEARING O' THE GREEN (STAR)

The B.E.A. Petition is giving us many opportunities for propaganda. At the same time, let us not neglect that best propaganda method of all—the wearing of the green star. Esperantists who do not show their colours in this way fail to pull their weight; and this gives a very wrong impression of the real strength of the movement.

We see around us a welter of badges of all kinds: civil and military. All the more reason that our Star of Hope should shine out brightly and clearly. By constantly wearing our badge, we achieve two things: we can recognize one another as Esperantists, and—what is perhaps more important—we arouse the curiosity of non-Esperantists and may gain recruits. If you have at least made some progress in the language, you need not wait until you have a certificate or are fully proficient, before wearing the star.

K. MCLENNAN, *Edgware*

Sur p. 99 oni rakontas pri kvar renkontoj de du Esperantistoj, en cirkonstancoj kiuj postulis bonan interkomprenon. Tamen ili interparolis nur malfacilege per fuŝa Angla aŭ Germana lingvo. Nur je la kvina renkonto ili okaze eltrovis, ke ili ambaŭ scias Esperanton. Mi volas do ripeti la konsilon, kiun mi faradis dum multe da jaroj: ĈIAM PORTU LA STELON!

FRANK GOODLIFFE, *Nottingham*

SOCIETY OF BRITISH ESPERANTIST TEACHERS

The Society's Study Group met Jan. 2–5 in Oxford, to consider the needs of children learning Esperanto. Much useful work was done, and the group arranged for its continuation.

The Annual Meeting took place on January 3rd. The Secretary reported a membership of 112 (now 118), of whom 85 were professional teachers. The 1940–1 year of the School Correspondence League finished with 8 schools, from which 180 pupils had corresponded; the 1941–2 year began with 4 schools, from which 129 pupils had been partnered. A special fund had been established to facilitate the publishing of books for school use.

The 1941 Easter School at Oxford was so successful, that a similar arrangement would be made for 1942 (see below).

Miss A. B. Edwards, B.A., of Bishop Auckland, was elected President for 1942. In her presidential address, Miss Edwards stressed the necessity for Esperantists to use their influence for Esperanto in any planning for post-war education. She had found that all classes of people were ready to sign the B.E.A. Petition, and realized the importance of Esperanto. In conversations at educational conferences she had found many who favoured Esperanto, and only few who opposed it. There existed in the teaching profession more potential Esperantists than we were sometimes inclined to believe. At this moment we can and must hold up our Flag. We can even wave it a little! It is useless to talk of future peace and harmonious co-operation if the masses of the people cannot understand one another. The world needs Esperanto, and the schools will play a great part solving the problem.

EASTER SCHOOL, APRIL 7–13
at Crich, Nr. Ambergate, Derbyshire

S.B.E.T. wishes to give an opportunity to new Esperantists who are teachers to practise and improve their knowledge of the language. Discussions, readings, and conversational practice will be included in the programme. Cost about 10/6 a day. *Entrance fee*: 2/6 for members, 4/– for non-members. Full details from the Sec., Miss V. C. Nixon, 183 Woodlands Park Rd., Birmingham 30.

R.S.A. EXAMINATION, 1942

The Esperanto Examination of the Royal Society of Arts (Elementary Stage) will take place this year on Friday, June 26th, 7–9 p.m. **It is of great importance to secure a good entry.**

Entries must be sent in through a recognized Local Centre.

Fee: 3/–. A local fee (usually 1/–) may be charged in addition. For London candidates the total fee is 4/–.

Outside London.—Entries must reach Local Secretaries not later than Wednesday, April 22nd. Late entries, with an additional fee of 1/– per late entry, will be accepted up to May 6th.

London.—London examinations are controlled by the Education Committee of the L.C.C. Entry forms may be obtained from the Education Officer (G.P.1), County Hall, S.E.1, and must be returned to him by May 8th. Late entries will be accepted up to May 22nd, subject to an additional fee of 2/–. An effort will be made for candidates to sit at their own centres.

A syllabus, giving full details of Local Centres, may be obtained for 4½d. post free. A copy of the papers set in 1939, and the requirements for 1941, may be obtained for 4½d. post free (ask for Examination pamphlet No. VI).

Do not address correspondence on these examinations to the B.E.A. For syllabuses and further information write to The Examinations Officer, R.S.A., John Adam St., Adelphi, London, W.C.2.

Esperanto in Palestine.—Mr. S. Faulkner, former President of the East Midland Federation, now serving in the Middle East, writes:

"I have recently returned from a 7-days' leave in Palestine, where I had a marvellous time with Esperantists previously contacted. . . . I stayed with Rabinovic Tajc and Wolfoski in Hedera, and with Kuk in Jerusalem. . . . In Jerusalem I met also Ĥavkin, Kohen-Cedek, Olŝvanger, and Lachowitzky. . . . Owing to my contact with Esperantists I was more fortunate than the average Service visitor to Palestine. Please remember me through the B.E. to old friends."

Moral! Every Esperantist in the Services should have the I.E.L. Year-book.

PRI LA VORTO "ESCEPTE"*

En la Zamenhofa literaturo mi trovis nur ok frazojn kun la vorto **escepte**:

Mi min okupas escepte de malsanoj de okuloj.—*Letero* 1890. (*Verkaro* 486/35.)

La dua konsistas escepte nur el brulvarmigitaj en plej alta grado gasoj.—*Esp.* 1892, p. 58.

Germana organo, dediĉita escepte al la fabrikado de butonoj.—*Esp.* 1892, p. 59.

Se li ĝis nun nenion komencis, tio ĉi estis escepte nur dank' al tio, ke li ne kuraĝis min malhelpi.—*Esp.* 1894, p. 80.

Alie por vi, escepte por vi, alte estimata sinjorino, mi nepre oferus mian liberecon.—*Esp.* 1894, p. 85.

La sovaĝuloj sin kaŝas . . . , nutrante sin escepte per kreskaĵoj.—*Esp.* 1894, p. 93.

Escepte nur por n-ro 12 de la gazeto "Esperantisto" ni petas ĉiujn abonantojn . . . enmeti en la gazeto ian ne tro grandan *anoncon* . . . *Ni enmetos ĝin senpage.*—*Esp.* 1894, p. 161.

Luado de aparta strata-kiosko por vendi escepte Esperantajn verkojn.—*Esp.* 1895, p. 75.

Poste Zamenhof enkondukis la vorton **ekskluzive**, kiu de tiam ludis tian saman rolon, kiel la ĝistiama **escepte**. Ekzemple:

Pli ol mil homoj . . . parolis inter si ekskluzive nur en neŭtrala internacia lingvo.—*Originala Verkaro* 314/28; 324/37.

En la lastaj du jaroj li vivis preskaŭ ekskluzive nur por Esperanto.—*O.V.* 247/21.

Vidu ankaŭ *O.V.* 250/39; 251/22, 23; 349/10; 372/12; 377/12; 382/5; 567/22. *Lingvaj Respondoj* 27/29; 52/29. *Marta* 35/5, 6; 63/25; 72/4. *La Gimnazio* 56/29. *Fabeloj* II, 68/5.

WILLIAM BAILEY

PRI LA ADVERBA PARTICIPO

En la Lingva Respondo 19 Zamenhof diras: "En Esperanto la adverba participo ĉiam rilatas la subjekton de la ĉefa propozicio". Tamen la Zamenhofa literaturo firme atestas, ke por ricevi la ĝustan sencon de la citita diro ni devas subkompreni post "participo" la vortojn "en propozicio dependa".

Iufoje okazas, ke adverba participo staras en propozicio simpla (kie ne povas leviĝi demando pri ĉefeco kaj dependeco), kaj funkcias kiel ordinara adverbo, modifante jen verbon, jen adjektivon. Ekzemple:

"Kion vi deziras, sinjoro", respondis Clemency kaj ankaŭ **kaŝite** lin rigardadis.—Batalo 69/19.

La pliboneco de Esperanto antaŭ Volapük estas tiel **frapante** granda.—F.K. 302/10.

En kelkaj okazoj la vorto **"parolante"** estas parto de la konata frazo "ne parolante jam pri . . . ", kiu respondas al la Angla "*not to mention*", "*to say nothing of*", kaj ne bezonas rilaton al ia subjekto; vidu F.K. 42/1; 115/6; 183/9; 267/30.

Ankaŭ pri la vorto **"esceptinte"**, rekomendita de Zamenhof por prezenti la sencon de "*excepting*", "*with the exception of*", ne estas bezone serĉi rilaton al tiu aŭ alia subjekto. Vidu Verkaro 22/33; 25/41; Batalo 33/33; 43/16; F.K. 223/8; M. 90/5.

En la lasta tempo oni ofte uzas la esprimon **escepte de** anstataŭ **esceptinte**, rekomendita de Zamenhof en la Lingva Respondo 32 kaj ofte uzita de li. En tri lokoj li uzis **esceptante** (O.V. 230/34. La Rabeno de Baharah 7/31. Fabeloj III, 27/39.). Ni prefere sekvu lian konsilon kaj lian praktikon, ne ĝenante nin pri la demando, ĉu ĉi tiuj participoj rilatas al la subjekto, aŭ ne.

WILLIAM BAILEY

TRANKVILO

Por la trankvilo preĝas la vaganto
sur vasta maro; kiam la nubaro
kaŝas la lunon, steloj nevideblas
al ŝipandro.

Por la trankvilo petas la soldato:
por la trankvilo ĝemas eĉ kanonoj!
Tamen ne donas tion al la homo
or' aŭ gemŝtonoj;

Ĉar nek trezoroj, nek imperiestra
gardostaranto, pelas la tumultojn
el la spirito; nek de l' Sorto ĉasas
for la insultojn.

Vivas kontenta tiu, kies patran
tablon ornamas nur modera manĝo,
kaj kies dormon ne turmentas timo
pri monda ŝanĝo.

Sur kiras-ŝipojn rampas nigra Zorgo;
ĉien ŝi rajdas kun la regimento,
pli rapidira ol la pluvopela
blovo de l' vento.

Nunan feliĉon gardu, kaj rifuzu
zorgi cetere. Estu ĝojo-riĉa
eĉ en doloro, ĉar neniu estas
ĉiel feliĉa.

Jaroj konsumis Ludovikon Grandan—
mortis ekzile ja Napoleono.
Eble forgesos min la Mort', sed trafos
vin sen admono.

Domojn, bienojn, havas vi, Sinjoro;
aŭtomobilojn de plej lasta tipo—
el ĉiu lando portas la produktojn
al vi la ŝipo.

Sed al mi donis Dio en kompenso
amon al kara lingvo Esperanto,
kun la sopiro ĉerpi el la fontoj
de ĝia kanto.

G. L. BROWNE.

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* Mr. Bailey points out the interesting fact that in very early days Z. used **escepte** with the meaning *exclusively*, but afterwards ceased to do so, and used **ekskluzive** instead. It is of course Z's later usage that should be followed. **Escepte** now means neither *exclusively*, nor the preposition *except*, but the adverb *exceptionally* (=*as an exception*).—ED.

JOHN BUCHANAN PRIZES

Three prizes, each of the value of £25, are open to matriculated students and graduates of the University of Liverpool or of any approved University of the British Empire, and to all persons who have been engaged in teaching for not less than a year in any recognized school of the United Kingdom. Candidates are required to present an original composition in Esperanto, and a translation from English into Esperanto. Candidates must send in both composition and translation to the Registrar, The University of Liverpool, not later than May 1st, 1942, and must furnish a signed declaration that their work is unaided.

Successful candidates will be required within a year of the date of the award to proceed abroad, either to attend the annual international congress, or a national Esperanto conference, or to visit a foreign University where Esperanto is taught, or where there is a Students' Esperanto Society. Such candidates may be asked to furnish a short report on their foreign tour.

A prize shall not be awarded more than once to the same competitor.

PASSAGE FOR TRANSLATION, 1941-42

T. Hardy: *The Return of the Native*, Ch. I., to end of 7th paragraph: "till revived by scenes like this".

SUBJECT FOR ESSAY

La revivigo de Esperanto post la nuna milito.

WHAT DO MODERN LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS THINK ABOUT ESPERANTO?

While I am aware that teachers of modern languages are often opposed to Esperanto, I think it would be hard to find a single *one* who, after thoroughly learning the language—*and thus qualifying himself to form an opinion*—still remains in opposition.

The answer to the question, I believe, is simply this: those who have investigated it intelligently are enthusiastically in favour of it; those who have not done so often condemn it for a variety of reasons which cannot stand up to impartial investigation.

My own case illustrates the point. I quote it although the story is against myself.

I started studying Esperanto while still bitterly prejudiced against all "artificial languages", and found to my astonishment that, so far from being a childish code, it is a linguist's dream.

Almost every objection made by the non-Esperantist becomes a matter for smiling when one has really made the language one's own. A considerable amount of time and patient work is needed for this, as for every worth-while achievement; but even as a hobby it yields a golden dividend of cultural delight which amply rewards one's efforts. The language specialist will find that though the "reading stage" is reached in a matter of weeks—or even days—the subject is big enough for life-long study. This claim is not made lightly, and is backed by irrefutable evidence.

As to Esperanto in the school, there can be no doubt that it is a medium far surpassing Latin for the inculcation of a sense of grammar, the lack of which is responsible for much pitifully bad work in language-learning in our English schools. (*The writer is a Modern Language Master in one of our large Public Schools.*—ED.)

DIVINE SERVICES IN ESPERANTO

A monthly unsectarian Christian service was held in London without break from its inception in 1909 till the end of 1940, when it closed *pro tem.* owing to wartime conditions.

These services, held at 3.30 on the second Sunday in every month at St. Ethelburga's Church, 72 Bishopsgate, E.C.2, will be recommenced on **Sunday, March 8,** when the speaker will be Miss Margaret Jay.

A short meeting of the *Dua-Dimanĉa Rondo* will be held in the hall at the back of the Church after the service. A cup of tea will be available, and all are invited. *Next Service*: **12 April.**

Similar monthly Esperanto Services have recently been started in Bristol, Ilford, Nottingham, and Warwick. Those interested in founding similar groups elsewhere are advised to write to Miss Strapps, 50 Woodlands Rd., Ilford, Essex.

A New Vision of a Growing Quakerism.—*Ralph H. Crowley. 4d., from Friends' Book Centre, Euston Rd., N.W.1.*

A very well produced and carefully written appeal to members of the Society of Friends to give serious consideration to the claims of Esperanto. Dr. Crowley points out that the Society has a message for every race and country; its internationalism being evidenced by the world-wide activities of the Friends' Service Council and the language problems raised by recent extension work. He outlines the history of Esperanto and its suitability for the rôle of an international language, and convincingly presents the especial value of the language for Friends. He has visions *inter alia* of an International Yearly Meeting, with Esperanto removing language difficulties and stimulating the international life of the Society. The booklet gives details of the Friends' Esperanto Society (minimum annual subscription 1/-; Secretary, James T. Harrod, Green Maze, Godalming, Surrey) and of religious and Quaker literature in Esperanto.

This is just the thing to give to a Quaker friend. We hope that members will purchase copies for this purpose.

ĈE LA BORDO

Al vasta maro
mi estas alveninta.
Verdas nenie
insulo aŭ montaro
de transa lando tie.

Sed ne senlima
la maro! Unu bordo
apude kuŝas:
la dua, malproksima,
ĉielon ie tuŝas.

Nun ĉe la strando
atendas min barketo;
kaj amataro
en tiu fora lando
min vokas trans la maro.

Jam de la mondo
amikoj kaj parencoj
forpasis foje:
do sur la nigra ondo
mi sekvos ilin ĝoje.

CLARENCE BICKNELL

EDZIĜOJ

Cresswell—Bentley. — Je 24 Januaro, H. H. Cresswell kun F-ino E. M. Bentley. Ambaŭ fervoraj Esperantistoj en Leicester: ili unue renkontiĝis ĉe grupkunveno.

Hall—Oldroyd.—En Decembro, Horace W. Hall kun F-ino Miriam K. Oldroyd, Sekretario de la grupo en Wakefield.

MORTOJ

With deep regret we record the passing of some eminent friends of our movement.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, approached by Col. Pollen, graciously consented to be a Patron of the B.E.A. Congress in 1913, and continued this patronage to all the subsequent Congresses till the last one, in 1939.

Prof. Valentine Davis, Lecturer in Education at Cheshire County Training College, who consistently supported Esperanto (notably in his work *The Matter and Method of Modern Teaching*), died on 9 March, 1940.

Prof. J. J. Findlay, Hon. Professor of Education, Manchester University, died in June 1940. He knew the language, and did much to advocate it in educational circles.

Clark.—Je 20 Januaro, Henry Clark, nova membro en Sidcup.

Harding. — En Januaro, Leonard Harding, A.R.C.O., blinda samideano en Portsmouth. Esperantisto de 1930, li entuziasme laboris ĉe la loka grupo. Li verkis belan kaj inspiran muzikon por *La Vojo*, kiu longe konservos lian memoron verda.

Hawkins.—Je 16 Marto, 1941, Edgar A. Hawkins. Li laboris por nia afero kviete sed diligente; aparte ĉe la Biblioteko.

Hayes.—Je 9 Januaro, Charles Frederick Hayes. Honorata pioniro, li aliĝis al B.E.A. en Majo 1906. Kun D-ro O'Connor li verkis la konatan English-Esperanto Dictionary (1907).

Lavender.—Je 8 Januaro, F-ino Agnes G. Lavender, fervora Esperantisto en Manchester.

Schofield.—Je 4 Januaro, Edna E. Schofield, membro de la grupo en Bury, kaj edzino de nia Delegito.

HOW I BECAME AN ESPERANTIST

(*see p.* 75)

Thirty-five years ago I bought "The Whole of Esperanto for a Penny" at a railway bookstall. Later on, I met my wife (a Belgian) at an International Esperanto Congress. For more than thirty years now we have spoken exclusively Esperanto when alone. It was our only common language when we married. Can this record be beaten? (*John P. Nix, Romsey*).

Some 30 years ago I saw in a newspaper a laudatory reference to Esperanto by Count Tolstoy; and through this, and the encouragement of an Esperantist friend, I learned the language. My thankfulness to him grows through the years (*W. E. Hailstone*).

LOCAL NEWS

Bodmin.—Two children's classes under Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Allen.

Bristol.—A long letter from Mr. Tordoff describes the Exhibition (p. 116), the Services, and other happenings. *Esperanto ja vivas*!

Buckhaven and Dumfermline.—Joint meetings are held with great success. A Polish Esperantist is a helpful visitor.

Canterbury.—A lively Zamenhof Day celebration.

Cheltenham.—The group doubled its membership in 1941.

Gloucester.—Welcome to the new group (p. 122).

Hampstead.—New Class at the Institute under Mr. Kennedy.

Huddersfield.—Meetings on March 12, 22, 28. Details from B. B. Beaumont, 5 Central Close, Fartown.

Kendal.—Dr. S. Whitaker addressed the Rotary Club on 24 November.

Lancashire and Cheshire Federation.—Next Meeting: 25 April, 3.30, at Lower Mosley St. Social Club. Details from B. McGrath, 10 Vernon Avenue, Stretford.

London Club (153 Drummond St., N.W.1) 13 March (6.30), La radoj de Offyreus kaj aliaj misteroj. (E. K. Osmotherly). 28 March (3.0), Surogatoj (Dr. D. R. Duncan). 10 April (6.30), Socia Vespero (Ludoj kaj kantado).

London, W.11.—Class at B.E.A. House, 140 Holland Park Avenue, on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays (March 4, 10, 18, 24), 7.0–8.30. Fee 6d. a night.

Manchester.—A class is held at Dalton Hall under the Principal, himself an expert Esperantist. *Group Meeting*: 28 March, 3.30, Lower Mosley St. Social Club. (See Lancashire above).

Mexborough.—Mr. C. Gardner addressed the Rotary Club on 20 January.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Meetings on Fridays, 8.0, at 66 Jesmond Road.

North Eastern Federation.—Annual Meeting: 28 March, 3.0, at 318 Heaton Rd., Newcastle 6.

Nottingham.—On Jan. 15 Mr. Goodliffe gave a remarkably interesting lecture on *Pontoj*.

Oldham.—Meetings on Mondays, 7.30, at Werneth Park Study Centre.

Parkstone, Dorset.—Meetings on Fridays, 7.0–9.0, at Congregational Church Hall, in preparation for the B.E.A. Preliminary Examination.

Sidcup.—Meetings Wednesday, 7–10, at 1 Forest Lodge, Halfway St.

Somerset, Gloucester, and W. Midland Federation.—A luxuriously printed News Bulletin contains a score of literary articles by members, and reports of local progress.

S. Wales and Monmouth Federation.—Next Meeting 21 March, 3.0, at Y.M.C.A., Cardiff. The local group will provide the programme.

Tolworth.—The Class at the Co-operative Hall, Tolworth Broadway, Fridays, 7.30–9.30, keeps up attendance and makes good progress. 20 met for tea and Esperanto songs at the Esperanto Library in Kingston on 13 February.

Walthamstow.—*Meetings* (3rd Sunday) 11.0–5.0, at Educational Settlement, Greenleaf Rd. These are brilliantly arranged. *Rambles* (1st Sunday) from Chingford Station, 11.0. Visitors very welcome.

Weston-super-Mare.—A worthy celebration of Zamenhof Day. *Group meeting*: 2.30 (1st Sundays) at 35 Ashcombe Park Rd. *Class*: Tuesday, 6.30, at 6 Wilton Gardens.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Books.—Since the last note many other books have been sold out and are no longer obtainable. A new book list is now in the press. The paper shortage makes it impossible to send a copy to every reader, but we will willingly send one to everyone who asks for it.

The Petition.—At the time of writing the number of signatures received is well over ten thousand, and there is no reason why this total should not be at least doubled by the closing date if all members take their share in the work of collecting names during March. (So far, many members have not sent even their own signatures).

In addition to the sections of the community mentioned in our last issue, we now have the signatures of two Members of Parliament, several well known actors and actresses, and a number of professional musicians of standing. Civil engineers and technologists are many, and include the General Manager of one of the main railways. The number of teachers has risen to nearly 1,200, including over 100 Heads. Civil Servants number some 700, miscellaneous office workers 1,100, and factory and mill workers, engineers and other craftsmen about 1,200. Retail trades account for 600 signatures, and those of housewives and others engaged on home duties total 1,600. Some 300 transport workers have signed. The signatures of civic heads and councillors now number over 100. Among other classified occupations we may mention agricultural workers, business and industrial executives, bank officers, medical practitioners, ministers of religion, and students.

The following letter will certainly interest our readers. "*I return the petition with 27 signatures. I think a little explanation is needed to give full meaning to this varied collection.*

"*It has been signed by sailors when they stopped work for a few minutes' smoke while sweeping out the hold of a merchant ship ; by firemen still black from the stokehole ; by men while in convoy at sea. It has been signed in cafés and taverns, in ordinary homes, and in a Scottish castle.*

"*Most of these men were working on a small freighter. They were of varying ages, and gathered from all parts of the British Isles. It would be hard to find a more typical group of merchant seamen.*

"*Of 28 people approached 27 were in favour of the teaching of Esperanto in schools all over the world, to promote a better understanding between peoples.*

"*Are we justified in assuming from this result that the total population is as wholly in favour ? Probably not ; but it surely indicates the general drift of opinion. Those who signed it are not all from one section of the community, but work at a fair variety of jobs : agricultural scientist, hairdresser, sailors, firemen, clerks, radio officer, engineers, teachers, educationists, analytical chemist, and factory hands.*

"*One thing is certainly clear : that merchant seamen, whose calling brings them into contact with various parts of the world, realize the necessity for destroying language-barriers—barriers which are increasingly ridiculous, a hindrance to world communications, transport, travel, and the development of science.*

Terence P. Stow (Sailor and ex-teacher)"

The petition gives you a propaganda opportunity which should not be missed. Do your best ; collect as many signatures as you can (we do not send anything to the signatories unless specially asked to do so) ; and **send in all your forms, whether full or partially full, by March 31st.**

The Advertisement Competition—This was a greater success than was anticipated. There were over 90 entries, many of a very high standard. The judges had no easy task, but after careful consideration decided to award the prizes to Mr. Fred Harris, 60, Norwood Avenue, Southport, for the following :—

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There was a young fellow named Feather
Who travelled the world buying leather ;
Finn, Czech, or Chinese
He could trade with at ease,
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It was also decided to award consolation prizes of books to the value of ten shillings to Miss M. Wood, 171 Cape Road, Warwick, and Mr. L. I. Gentle, Kingsfold, Temple Ave., London, N.20. Many others sent in really good ideas, which will be used as funds become available for an extension of the campaign. Donations to the Advertising Fund will therefore be welcome, and donors can rest assured that their gifts are really helping the progress of Esperanto.

Largely as a result of this campaign enrolments for the Popular Course continue to come in well. The total is now over 650, and latterly they have been averaging about ten a day. Incidentally, the Co-operative Union have added this Course to their list of war-time correspondence courses, and this arrangement is bringing in still more students.

C.C.G.

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February 7th

Present:—The Hon. Secretary (in the Chair), the Hon. Treasurer, Miss B. Ashby, Miss M. L. Blake, Miss A. S. Borel, Miss R. A. Davey, E. D. Durrant, Miss E. C. Goldsmith, Miss M. C. Groen, H. J. Harris, Mrs. N. Holmes, Miss M. Jay, Mrs. E. M. Kendrick, W. K. Nash, Miss V. C. Nixon, G. L. Preedy, Miss E. Wheatley.

In attendance:—The Acting Secretary, the Education Secretary.

New Fellow—Mr. Frank Taylor was elected a Fellow of the Association.

Ballot List—Nominations had been received for the posts of President, one Vice-President, and Hon. Treasurer. The Council added suitable names to complete the list.

Annual Meeting, 1942—It was decided to hold this at the Arden Hotel, Birmingham, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 2nd.

Committees—It was decided to dissolve the General Purposes and Propaganda Committee, with cordial thanks for its services, and in particular to its Chairman (Mr. A. C. Oliver) and Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. D. Durrant).

Jubilee (*Domo*) *Fund*—A discussion took place on this fund and it was agreed to close it, transferring to Capital Account the sum of £65. 4s. 5d. shown in the 1941 accounts.

Accounts and Annual Report for 1941—The audited Accounts were accepted, and it was noted with satisfaction that the net deficit for the year was only £48. A draft Report was submitted by the Officers, and passed for publication subject to certain amendments.

Honorary Officers—The Council placed on record its high appreciation of the work of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Long) and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Oliver), and their devotion to the interests of the Association.

Other Business—The Council considered the Petition to H.M. Government, the Correspondence Courses, certain questions relating to the premises, and Staff matters.

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Laurence E. Cresswell, *Leamington Spa*

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CECIL C. GOLDSMITH,
Acting Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Birmingham Esperanto Club is arranging a social gathering for the evening at their clubrooms, 26 Bristol Street, and hopes to see many visitors.

Members wishing to spend one or more nights in Birmingham are advised to communicate directly with the Arden Hotel, New St., Birmingham. Early booking is essential.

Members wishing to have lunch or tea, or both, at the hotel on Saturday, May 2nd, should advise the B.E.A. Secretary **not later than April 23rd.**

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Kruele evitadis min. Subite
Diina fingro tuŝis min invite.
Mi sekvis gaje ŝin el embaraso,
Fiere iras rekte al Parnaso.

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